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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 23, 2001, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite previously amended claim 17 in "clean" format as follows, a marked up
copy of the claim as amended is being appended hereto.

See 17
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17. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 14 wherein the step of adhesively
securing the flexible membrane on the open end of the container neck includes the sub steps of
applying adhesive material to the flexible membrane and/or the container neck; engaging the
flexible membrane and the container neck with one another to define the seal; and curing the
adhesive material.

REMARKS

Applicant, through undersigned counsel wishes to thank the Examiner for pointing out
the informality of claim 17 submitted in the prior reply filed on July 30, 2001. A "clean" form of
claim 17 is submitted herewith with a marked up copy to show changes being appended
herewith.